



**D.A.R.E.**  
**Drug Abuse Resistance Education**

**POLICY  
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**Subject: CRITERIA FOR SELECTION  
OF D.A.R.E. OFFICERS**

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**PURPOSE:** To establish the minimum criteria to be utilized for a law enforcement officer to be considered for selection to become a D.A.R.E. Officer.

**POLICY:** It is the responsibility of the Tennessee D.A.R.E. Training Center to provide instruction. Success in reaching this goal is largely dependent upon the officer selection criteria. The officer in an elementary school serves as a positive role model. It is incumbent upon the officer to maintain the highest level of integrity to assure the D.A.R.E. goals and objectives are met.

**PROCEDURE:**

The D.A.R.E. Officer must meet the following criteria:

1. **Be P.O.S.T. certified in the state in which he/she will teach D.A.R.E.**
2. **Have at least two (2) years experience as a full-time sworn law enforcement officer and must fully meet the statutory requirements by law.**
3. **Consent to a background investigation by Training Center personnel.**
4. Must not have a history of drug abuse.
5. Preferably a non-user of alcohol or tobacco products.
6. Demonstrate the ability to relate to children.
7. Have oral and written communication skills that are adaptable to age-specific audiences.
8. Ability to organize.
9. Responsiveness to instruction.
10. Ability to develop interpersonal relationships.
11. Promptness.

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12. One who refrains from sexual, racial, stereotyping or insensitive remarks.
13. Be committed to the faithful replication of the program model.
14. Have demonstrated attention to neatness and detail in personal appearance.
15. Have demonstrated a desire to participate in the D.A.R.E. Program and to be involved in drug abuse prevention activity.